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PLAN OF ACTION

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Proactively promote science-based decision making and coral reef protection by:

- Sharing the scientific evidence through in-person visits to government officials and agencies, and letter writing campaigns
- Supporting ICRS Officers / Councilors to promote sound scientific evidence at local, regional, federal, and international events where policies and decisions are developed that affect coral reefs (e.g., ICRI, UN meetings, Biodiversity CoP)
- Contributing to the development and implementation of relevant international agreements

Formalize partnerships with other science-based coral reef societies and organizations to coordinate action and amplify our voice to

- Disseminate good science
- Increase coral reef resilience through evidence-based management
- Reduce carbon emissions

Encourage ICRS members and supporters to take the Pledge for Coral Reefs (#pledge4reefs) to:

- Promote policies and practices in your own country that support healthy reefs
- Reduce your carbon and environmental footprints
- Promote education and awareness of coral reefs and their conversation

Reduce our carbon footprint

- Make ICRS-supported events carbon neutral by prioritizing emission reductions and using renewable energy sources, while offsetting emissions where necessary
- Starting with ICRS 2024, live-stream at least 50% of all sessions to facilitate remote attendance and presentation
- Keep our International Coral Reef Symposia to once every four years
- Support regional conferences which will have a lower carbon-footprint cost than large international meetings

Support fellowships in science communication